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for decoding video from the information picked up by the transport 44 and for generating compressed video data, 46 represents an MPEG audio decoder for decoding audio data from the information picked up by the transport 44 and for generating compressed audio data. And a reference numeral 23 represents a display unit for displaying or outputting video signals and audio signals respectively obtained by the MPEG video decoder 45 and the MPEG audio decoder 46.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the following claims as indicated: .

1. (Amended) A program information broadcasting system, comprising:

means for assembling a master data compilation of program information for recognizing a broadcast program, wherein program elements of said broadcasting program are divided into a plurality of items and are converted to data at a broadcasting center;

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means for assembling basic information with a minimum of necessary items sufficient for preparation of a program guide, wherein said basic information is extracted from said data constituting said master data compilation, said program basic information including extracted items of all of programs included in said master data compilation so that the amount of data in said basic program information is considerably smaller than that of said master data;

means for transmitting said master data and said program basic information simultaneously with broadcasting programs; and

means for receiving, reproducing and/or displaying said program basic information before completion of receipt of said master data at a receiving terminal unit.

2. (Amended) A program information broadcasting system according to claim 1, wherein, at said broadcasting center, said means for preparing said program basic information is arranged to prepare said program basic information by extracting information with high utilization frequency from said master data.